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AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HER DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A FUNDING CONTRACT WITH THE CONTEMPORARY ARTS FOR SAN ANTONIO, D.B.A. BLUE STAR ARTS SPACE, TO PROVIDE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 OF HOTEL/MOTEL FUNDS FOR THE “SPLENDORS OF CONTEMPORARY MEXICAN ART” PROJECT; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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WHEREAS, in 1990 some of the most influential art and architecture of the Republic of Mexico was exhibited in San Antonio and throughout the United States in the exhibition known as “Splendors of Mexico, Thirty Centuries of Mexican Art”; and

WHEREAS, this exhibit raised public and scholarly awareness of the role of Mexican art in the world and more specifically in the Western Hemisphere and also became a blockbuster exhibit for San Antonio, which helped support cultural tourism efforts; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Fiscal Year 2003 General Operating Budget, City Council approved the award of \$50,000 to the Contemporary Arts for San Antonio, d.b.a. Blue Star Arts Space for the development of an exhibit entitled “Splendors of Contemporary Mexican Art”; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Art Space and the San Antonio Office of the Instituto de Mexico will organize this pending exhibit of contemporary art by Mexican artists, including painting, sculpture, photography, video and mixed or other media, and the organizers will utilize the City’s contribution to leverage an additional \$50,000 for the exhibition anticipated to open in December, 2003, and attempt to raise an additional \$150,000 to permit the exhibit to travel to Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Washington, D.C., Miami and/or Atlanta where the Instituto de Mexico has cultural centers and to publish a full color catalogue; and

WHEREAS, the collaborators of this exhibit are currently developing a program that will establish “Splendors of Contemporary Mexican Art” as another blockbuster art event for San Antonio that will serve as an attraction for regional, national and international visitors in support of the visitor industry; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The terms and conditions of a Funding Agreement with the Contemporary Arts for San Antonio, d.b.a. Blue Star Arts Space to provide funding in the amount of \$50,000 of Hotel/Motel funds for the "Splendors of Contemporary Mexican Art" Project are hereby approved.

SECTION 2. The City Manager, or her designee, is authorized, for a sixty (60) day period following the effective date of this Ordinance, to execute said Funding Agreement. A form copy of said Funding Agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit I.

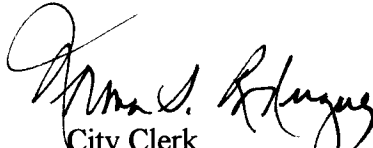
SECTION 3. Funds in the amount of \$50,000.00 are authorized for encumbrance in Fund 29-005000 (Miscellaneous Special Revenue-Hotel Motel Tax Fund) in Index Code 753541 entitled "Fees to Pro. - Art Splendor" and made payable to the Contemporary Arts for San Antonio, d.b.a. Blue Star Arts Space.


SECTION 4. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance of the City of San Antonio. The Director of Finance may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific index codes and fund numbers as necessary to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth day after passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 31st day of October, 2002.


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ATTEST: 
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
for City Attorney